flashes of fun.

UNKLE ESEK'S WISDOM.

All political parties are made up of foxes and geese-about five thousand geese to one fox.

The great beauty of charity is privacy; there is a sweet force even in an anonymous penny.

I am an uncompromising Radical up to date, but when I reach the other world I can be a Conservative, if it is the best thing to do.

Men of great genius should not forget that their failings or vices are more apt to be noticed, and even admired, than their virtues.

All Conservatives have once been Radicals, and their virtue consists in their having found out that half a loaf is better than no bread.

My friend, if you must keep a pet, let it be one of the serene kind (a rattle-snake or a snapping turtle, for instance); this will exercise your caution and strengthen your genius.

I know of nothing that will test a man's true inwardness better than to feel like the devil and be obliged to act like a saint.

My dear boy, if you must part your hair in the middle, get it even, if you must split a hair to do it.

Independence is a name for what no man posesses; nothing, in the animate or inanimate world, is more dependent than man.

It isn't so much what a man has that makes him happy as it is what he doesn't want.

There are many comfortable people in the world, but to call a man re feetly happy is an insult.

There is nothing so valuable and yet so cheap as civility; you can almost buy land with it.

The great mass of mankind can only gaze and wonder; if they undertake to think they grow listless and soon tire out.—Century.

PLANTATION PHILOSOPHY.

If we expect to be happy we must be busy; it is better to hunt up a hornets nest and fight that than to bé out of a job; no idle man ever was happy and but few idle men are innocent long.

Mirth is short lived; checraulness never tires.

It never was intended that man should be perfect on earth; the great thing is, not to miss the bull's-eyebut to get a little nearer to it every

Those who would mould and move the minds and actions of men are seldom seen. They never head the procession.

Rheumatism, like many other things, is easy enough to cure in some one else, but when we undertake to cure our own, then the business begins.

My dear youth, if you must talk about yourself, pray don't mention your good luck; the world doesn't care to listen to such things.

You may put the world down as a mob of fools, but don't forget this; it takes a smart man to beat them.

No man ever did a polite thing yet without feeling a little prouder for it.

Justice ought to be as cheap as dew, but half the time it costs more to get it than it is worth.—Century's Bric-a-brac

JESTERS ON GRAVE SUBJECTS.

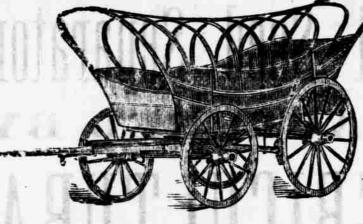
A woman, who had a very religious husband, was at the breakfast table one morning, when her husband's prayer was longer drawn out than usual. A suspicious smell of overdone biscuits was wafted slowly bit surely toward her olfactory organs. She wriggled and twisted and thought of her biscuits, and at last when her husband started afresh on a new tack, to which there seemed no end, she startled the good man by saying : "Lord! John, cut it short, I've bread in the oven."

Once (says Lawrence Oliphant) I was in a Cornish mine, some hundreds of feet down in the bowels of the earth, crawling down a ladder, and feeling that the temperature was every moment getting warmer, I said to a miner who was accompanying me; "It is getting very hot down here. How far do you think it is to the infernal regions?" 'I don't know exactly," he replied; "but if you let go you'll be there in two minutes."

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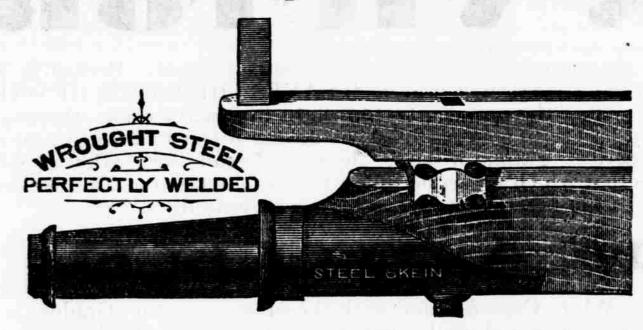
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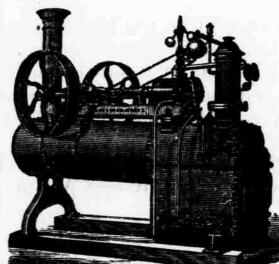
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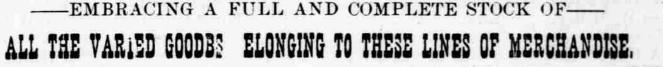
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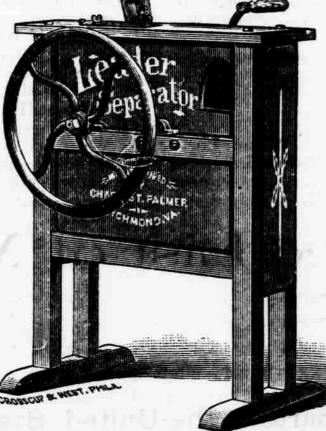
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